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THE RED FLAG.

The dispatches today announce a vicious attack, by what is termed a labor union, upon property in Chicago, wherein the property of their former employers was wrecked and a loss of \$100,000 incurred. Several men were brutally beaten, and innocent women and children driven from their homes, simply because this labor union had a grievance with their employers over hours and wages.

No one questions the right of any labor organization to demand shorter hours and an increase in wages commensurate with the increase in the cost of living, and they have a right to walk out and refuse to work if their demands are not acquiesced in, but here their right ends. They have no legal, moral or union right to destroy property, injure men and drive innocent women and children from their homes. When they do so they become, not only lawbreakers and amenable to the law, but cowardly curs and should be disfranchised and then hung. They are a disgrace to the cause of labor in the United States and a superfluous sore on the body politic.

But the labor unions are not altogether to blame. A large majority of them do not endorse overt acts to accomplish their ends. It is the scum, scurf and rabble of creation, imported here by monopolies and trusts, that are to blame for these outrages.

Politicians, particularly of the Hearst yellow journal stripe, are to a certain extent to blame for these outrages. They seek political preferment by pandering to the maudlin sentiments of the low and vicious in order to be elected to office and this encourages the vicious element to imagine that they are the people.

The actions of the criminal element of labor organizations is credited up to organized labor, and it is these outrages that has turned public sentiment against labor organizations. A labor organization conducted on conservative principles will always be successful, both in their organization and their demand for their just and equitable rights. They are an honor and credit to the community, but in order to gain the prestige they have lost, principally in Chicago, they must eliminate the anarchists, saloon bummers, cut-throats and land pirates from their organization. There should be a law enacted by the congress of the United States making every man belonging to an anarchist organization, prima facie guilty of murder and punished accordingly. This is the only way to stop the reign of terror inaugurated under the cloak of labor organizations.

An anarchist is a foul-mouthed, blatant blackguard, who only joins labor unions in order to precipitate a strike in order that they may be given an opportunity to pillage and rob and murder innocent women and children. They would never be satisfied if they only had to work one hour a day and were paid \$10 an hour. Work and wages are no objects. They want an opportunity to incite the populace with a breath that smells like the sour offal from a brewery, sweetened and perfumed with garlic and rotgut whisky. This whiskered, black-hearted representative from the dregs of Europe must be suppressed, or driven out of labor organizations and eliminated from the socialist party if either have any anticipation of success in the accomplishment of their many worthy objects.

FISH PREVARICATORS.

That the Butte Inter Mountain has joined the ranks of fish prevaricators, is evidenced from the following taken from that journal:

"At the state fish hatchery of California they are conducting scientific experiments of the fecundity of fish. Three years ago, the eggs of a single female salmon, numbering 5100, were set aside. The fish, when three inches long, were marked and let loose. Last year 335 of these marked finnies were recaptured. The smallest weighed 10 pounds and the largest 57 pounds, the lot averaging a little more than 21 pounds and the aggregate weighing more than 9000 pounds. It is probable, therefore, that of the 5000 fish turned loose, the total weight at the end of three years was more than 67 tons, all

from one fish. The experiments indicate the remarkable fecundity of the salmon and there is little doubt that if the fishing is conducted along sensible lines, the crop will hold good indefinitely. In the salmon waters now an effort is being made both by the government and state supervision to give the fish protection during certain portions of the year. Heretofore the fishing has been both extravagant and reckless and despite the extreme productiveness of the genus might lead to extinction in time just as the roba hunter exterminated the American bison."

Here in Astoria, where the people are not race suicides, but are at home on the salmon question, we claim to be pretty well up in the propagation of salmon. But in the millions upon millions of salmon fry turned out from the innumerable hatcheries, there has never been an instance on record where 5100 salmon were turned out and three years after 335 of them were recaptured, some weighing ten pounds and the largest 57 pounds. In all fish countries there is very little variation in the size of salmon turned out at a given time, at least there is not 47 pounds difference. Of course an Astoria fish dealer can make a 10 pound salmon weight 25 pounds by putting his hand on the scale when he is retailing fish to those compelled to observe Lent but this rule does not obtain in the history of propagation of salmon on the Columbia river.

It may possibly be used to good advantage in Butte where the eyes of the editors are filled with smelter smoke and who sometimes overestimate their booze capacity, but it would not be safe for a Butte editor to come to Astoria and spring any fish story of that kind without first obtaining permission of the Editorial Sazernac Lying Club of Astoria.

CHECK ON SWINDLING.

Among other acts which passed congress during the last session and which have now become laws is one to prevent the use of devices calculated to convey the impression that the United States government certifies to the quality of gold and silver used in the acts. This will put a stop to a petty form of swindling, from which the American people have themselves suffered, and which has worked considerable injury to the good name of this country in other countries in which our goods are sold. The practice has been common among a certain class of manufacturing jewelers, to label articles which they expose for sale with words conveying that the articles are of certain fineness, followed by the words "United States assay."

This use of these last words is a deliberate fraud, for they are intended to convey the impression that some agency of the national government has in fact certified to the fineness of the gold used in the article. In some instances articles so stamped have been but thinly washed with gold; and in rare and exceptional cases the gold has been up to the standard of the bogus certificate. To foreigners abroad purchasing out goods this has been, particularly misleading, because in many countries there are government agencies which do, in fact, certify the quality of goods of the description.

The law now is sufficiently drastic to put a stop to the fraud. It imposes a fine upon the officers of every company which stamps goods in this manner, for one thing; and for a still more important thing, it makes all such goods shipped for sale subject to seizure the same as smuggled goods. The manufacturers might be willing to take a chance on the fine, but no dealer will take chances on handling them.

It is just as well that the news should be as widely disseminated as possible that the words, "United States Assay," stamped on any articles purporting to be of gold or silver, are prima facie evidence of fraud, and certain evidence of a violation of the law for the purpose of swindling.

AN ERA OF PROSPERITY.

Present indications point to a general season of prosperity in Astoria. In fact, there has never been a time in the history of this city when conditions and circumstances were more favorable to such a result. The streets present an air of activity that has been foreign to the city for years, while business confidence prevails to an almost unlimited extent. Another infallible sign of prosperous times is the demand for houses, both of a residence and business character. The supply for these seems to be exhausted, and the consequent result is that capitalists are turning their attention and means towards the erection of buildings to meet this increased demand. It is conservatively estimated that 1000 people have been added to the population of Astoria in the past six months.

Along with this general prosperity The Astorian is getting its full share. It is today printing and circulating to actual subscribers more papers than ever before in its history and its press room and subscription books are open to inspection to substantiate this assertion.

Its payroll for the month of March was over \$1200, and its shipments in its manufacturing department averaged \$100 per day for the month of March. Plans for the improvement of The Astorian are being made which include the issuing of a Monday morning edition and other important changes, and it is the inclination of its owner to

keep it fully abreast of the wave of prosperity that is sweeping over Astoria.

In its fight on gambling The Astorian has lost two advertisements, one from a cigar store and the other a saloon. These gentlemen have just as good right to cut out their advertisements as The Astorian has to cut out their cigars and booze. It's a free country.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments By a Layman.

Although Mr. Hardesty is a contestant in the billiard match at the Occident Sunday night, the game will not be opened with prayer.

Scientists have discovered that consumption can be cured with tape worms. Science is developing some wonderful cures.

At St. Vincent, Egypt, they have a little hell of their own. Not only is it so hot that a man who died there and went to hell sent back for his linen duster, but the water is turned red in the lake. We have heard of and participated in painting the town red, but never heard of a lake of that kind before.

It is semi-officially reported that the Portland police force has caught a louse. It may have caught one, but its dollars to doughnuts that it got away again.

The Astoria school teachers complain because their salaries have not been increased. Get married, girls. After a year you will want to teach school even at a reduced salary. It beats taking in washing to support a rounce husband.

Smith College girls have been writing essays on "How Much Can a College Girl Live On?" The question, of course, has only an academic interest, as there is probably not a man in the world wealthy enough to spare the money to enable one of them to make the experiment.

The discovery that the grip germ comes from China will afford a legitimate excuse for the universal turning of Empress An's picture to the wall.

Hell looked as though they were tearing it up by the roots. Boxes were everywhere, carpets were being dusted and folded, the brimstone warehouses were nearly empty and their contents stood heaped high on the platform of the Inter-Hadean Transportation R. R. Virgil came along. He met the Devil coming out with a stack of crated pictures and a bird cage.

"What's up, 'Bub'?" inquired Virgil. "I'm moving!" said the Devil sadly. "Rockefeller came in last week, and before three days he had all hell under mortgage!"

Bryan has already made the first speech of the presidential campaign of 1908. The campaign of 1912 will no doubt begin about three weeks after the next election. It will take William that long to recover from the shock.

A man at Seaside gave instructions that lively music should be played at his funeral. He did not specify that the piece should be "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

Down in Hawaii they have discovered a bottomless pit. An exploring expedition would probably find a choice assortment of New Year resolutions down there.

The Associated Press is at pains to announce that the empress of Germany has fallen down and slightly hurt her hand. While this is to be regretted, on the other hand it might have been worse.

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